

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 314 without my signature.

Since the passage of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, California needs to increase work participation rates in the CalWORKs program. Failure to meet federal work requirements will lead to federal penalties and threatens our financial ability to retain a strong safety net for low-income children and working families. I believe comprehensive reform, not piecemeal changes are needed. It is premature to consider this proposal in the context of all other options to increase California's work participation rate.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger